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SUBJECT: OECD SEC GEN'S REMARKS ON JANUARY 5 MEETING
WITH PRESIDENT CARTER

1. AT OECD COUNCIL MEETING ON JANUARY 23, SEC GEN GAVE A BRIEF REPORT OF HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER AND PRESIDENTIAL ADVISORS IN PARIS ON MORNING OF JANUARY 5. BEGINNING AT PARA 3 BELOW IS SECRETARIAT'S DRAFT TEXT OF ORAL REPORT WHICH WILL BE PUT IN FINAL FORM NEXT TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, AND WILL APPEAR IN MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING.

2. SECRETARIAT'S DRAFT TEXT TRACKS CLOSELY WITH OUR OWN NOTES OF WHAT SEC GEN SAID. RE PARA 8 BELOW, SEC GEN IN HIS REMARKS DID REFER SPECIFICALLY TO OPEC AND COMECON AS EXAMPLES OF IMPORTANT GROUPINGS FOR OECD CONTACTS.

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3. BEGIN TEXT:

THE CHAIRMAN REPORTED ON HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER EARLY THIS MONTH. THE PRESIDENT IN SPITE OF HIS VERY TIGHT SCHEDULE, INCLUDING A TRIP TO NORMANDY, HAD BEEN ABLE TO RECEIVE HIM. THE MEETING HAD LASTED

ABOUT 25 MINUTES ON THE MORNING OF 5TH JANUARY. PRESENT WERE, APART FROM AMBASSADOR SALZMAN, SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE, UNDER-SECRETARY COOPER, ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST, AND MR. BRZEZINSKI, THE NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR.

4. AFTER A BRIEF DISCUSSION WHERE THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED THE GREAT INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN THE OECD AND THE WILL TO STRENGTHEN LINKS AND CO-OPERATION IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ORGANISATION, THERE HAD BEEN A THOROUGH DISCUSSION ON THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SITUATION, ON THE AMERICAN SITUATION AND THE AMERICAN PROPOSALS THAT HAD JUST BEEN PUBLISHED FOR A TAX CUT. INDEED, IT SEEMED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL THAT THE SIZE OF THIS TAX CUT CORRESPONDED TO WHAT THE ORGANISATION GENERALLY FELT WAS NEEDED BY THE END OF THE YEAR - A CERTAIN STIMULUS TO COUNTERACT THE NEGATIVE IMPULSES THAT CAME FROM THE PUBLIC SECTOR BY THAT TIME, THE SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENTS AND THE TAX INCREASES THAT WERE FORESEEN.

5. SECONDLY, THERE WAS THE SITUATION IN EUROPE: THE GENERAL PROSPECTS FOR THE OECD AREA AS A WHOLE AND THE QUESTION OF THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES OF THE OECD WITH RESPECT TO THESE SERIOUS PROBLEMS OF BALANCE OF PAYMENTS AND EXCHANGE RATES, WHERE, OF COURSE, HE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAD STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE UNITED STATES' RESPONSIBILITY TO ADOPT AN EFFECTIVE ENERGY POLICY, AS THIS WOULD CERTAINLY BE AN INDISPENSABLE ELEMENT IN CONTRIBUTING NOT ONLY TO CONFIDENCE IN THE UNITED STATES' POLICIES AND ITS BALANCE OF PAYMENTS BUT ALSO MORE GENERALLY BE AN INDISPENSABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE ENERGY POLICIES OF THE OECD AREA AS A WHOLE.

6. THE PRESIDENT HAD CONFIRMED THAT HE NOW STRONGLY HOPED THAT THE ENERGY PACKAGE WOULD BE ACCEPTED BY CONGRESS, AND THAT HE AGREED THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT SUCH POLICIES MUST BE ADOPTED IN THE UNITED STATES.

7. THIS HAD LED THE DISCUSSION TO THE DANGER OF PROTECTIONISM AND THE GENERAL CONCERNS FELT AT THE OECD ON VARIOUS MEASURES THAT WERE BEING TAKEN IN OECD COUNTRIES. MR. VAN LENNEP THOUGHT THAT THE PRESIDENT GENERALLY SHARED THIS CONCERN.

8. THE DISCUSSION THEN WENT TO THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE OECD COUNTRIES AND NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES, DEVELOPING

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COUNTRIES, NEW EXPORTERS, AND OTHER IMPORTANT GROUPINGS
IN THE WORLD. THE PRESIDENT WAS OF THE OPINION THAT
THIS WAS AN IMPORTANT SUBJECT, THAT THE CHANGES IN THE
WORLD SHOULD BE REFLECTED IN PARTICULAR CONTACTS
BETWEEN OECD AND IMPORTANT COUNTRIES AND GROUPINGS
WHILST AT THE SAME TIME HE WAS CLEARLY OF THE OPINION
THAT SUCH DEVELOPMENTS SHOULD NOT LEAD TO A DILUTION
OF OECD OR CERTAINLY NOT TO A DIMINUTION OR REDUCTION
OF ITS COHESION AND EFFECTIVENESS.

9. MR. COOPER AND MR. BRZEZINSKI AS WELL AS SECRETARY
VANCE ACTIVELY TOOK PART IN THIS PART OF THE DISCUSSION,
AND THE PRESIDENT CERTAINLY SHOWED HIMSELF IN FAVOUR OF
A PRAGMATIC APPROACH WHILST STRESSING AT THE SAME TIME
THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SECRETARIAT IN THIS FIELD.

10. THE DISCUSSION AS HE HAD SAID, HAD BEEN RATHER
BRIEF, BUT HE THOUGHT THAT IT HAD SERVED THE GENERAL
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OBJECTIVE OF HAVING AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, AND CERTAINLY THE PRESIDENT SHOWED HIMSELF VERY WELL AWARE OF NOT ONLY THE ORGANISATION OF COURSE BUT ALSO OF THE GENERAL PROBLEMS IT DEALT WITH AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE INDUSTRIALISED COUNTRIES' CO-OPERATING ACTIVELY IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE OECD ON THESE ISSUES.

11. THE PRESIDENT HAD WRITTEN HIM A LETTER WHICH HE HAD RECEIVED LAST WEEK WHERE HE CONFIRMED THAT HE FELT THAT THIS HAD BEEN A USEFUL DISCUSSION. HE QUOTED: "I REALISE OF COURSE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE UNITED STATES' ADOPTING TIMELY AND APPROPRIATE ENERGY LEGISLATION. WE WILL DO ALL WE CAN TO WORK WITH THE CONGRESS TO THIS END. AND I APPRECIATE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO STRENGTHEN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE OECD WHICH PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN OUR FOREIGN, ECONOMIC POLICY." AND HE HAD SAID AT THE BEGINNING SOME FRIENDLY THINGS ABOUT THEIR DISCUSSIONS. THESE HAD TAKEN PLACE ON THE MORNING OF THE TRIP TO NORMANDY WHEN ALL THE JOURNALISTS HAD ALREADY LEFT PARIS ON THE WAY THERE AND THE PRESIDENT, THEREFORE, COULD ONLY COMMUNICATE AT THE MOMENT OF THE DISCUSSION WITH THE NEWS MEDIA THROUGH THE CAMERAMEN'S MICROPHONES.

12. FOR THE REST, NO PARTICULAR PUBLICITY HAD BEEN GIVEN BY THE AMERICAN DELEGATION TO THIS VISIT. MR. VAN LENNEP HAD OF COURSE LEFT IT TO THE PRESIDENT TO ORGANISE THE PUBLICITY. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL HAD FELT NO NEED TO MAKE A PARTICULAR STATEMENT OR ISSUE A COMMUNIQUE.

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